President.—That will be considered and easily remedied, to the benefit of the mofussil people at large.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph withdrew his motion with leave, and the total allotment for Stamps was passed without any reduction.

Demand VIII—Customs—Rs. ·04 lakh.

Mr. V. B. VAIDYANATHA AYYAR (*Superintendent of Excise Revenue*).

Sir, I rise to move for a grant, not exceeding Rs. 4,672, under Customs, Demand No. VIII.

Motion No. 25.

Mr. A. B. SALEM (*Jews*).

To reduce the allotment of Rs. 4,672 for Customs by one rupee.

Mr. A. B. SALEM (*Jews*).

My object is to call the attention of both the Government and this House towards the Customs revenue. We have two kinds of Customs revenue in the State. One, I take it, is from Malippuram port, and the other from the Cochin port on the Indian waters. These are the two sea-ports we have got in our State. Whether one port is within our sway or not I am not in a position to know.

I sent up several questions to the Government, regarding the works that have been carried on inside the lagoon, such as the Vendurutti reclamation ; and every information, which would enable us to know something of what is happening with reference to the large expenditure that is impending has not been divulged by the Government. I refer to the Harbour Works, to which we have to contribute. The other day, I found in the Financial Statement laid before the Travancore Legislative Council, that the Finance Member took great pains to explain to the House there what exactly the development of the Harbour question here is. Such being the case, I think some means should be found, by which, certainly, any information that is possible may be placed before this House as well, by Government. If, however, our Regulation absolutely forbids—which I don't think is the case—then, we have no cause to bring forward. If, on the other hand, the scope of the Regulation is limited and information

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that is possible can be given, it will be of advantage to all concerned, because we will also study the subject and place our criticisms or other views before the Government.

The Customs form one of the large items of revenue that we get. We get 7 lakhs of rupees. Under Receipts, I find, Sir, 7 lakhs of rupees budgetted for 1101. For 1100, it was five lakhs and it was explained that we were getting 2 lakhs more. It is likely that we may get some more this year, so that this subject should not be entirely tahooed out of the purview of this House. Only the regulation of affairs relating to a sea-port cannot be discussed in the House. That would not mean that we cannot enter upon the domains of the Harbour question or study the subject. That is all my intention to bring this one-rupee cut. This must be taken into considerati n, and Government should see their way to take people also into confidence, so that people also could say whatever they have to say in the matter. I do not want to press this motion to a division. I am ready to withdraw it, if the Council permits.

Mr. V. B. VAIDYANATHA AYYAR (*Superintendent of Excise Revenue*).

That has nothing to do with the subject.

President.—He has only taken the opportunity to speak something, not because that it has any connection with the subject.

The motion was withdrawn, with leave, and the grant was made.

Demand IX—Forests—Rs. 2·25 lakhs.

Mr. K. GOVINDA MENON (*Conservator of Forests*).

Sir, I rise to request for a grant of Rs. 2,06,718 under Demand IX, Forests.

Motion Nos. 26 to 32.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

To reduce the allotment of Rs. 91,290 for timber and other produce removed from forests by Sirkar agency by Rs. 3,290.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

To reduce the allotment of Rs. 13,740 for purchase of elephants, their capture, training, feeding and treatment by Rs. 100.

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